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FM AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2072

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C O N F I D E N T I A L NAIROBI 3311

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SUBJ: CONTACTS WITH OFFICIALS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF
CHINA (PRC)

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1. TO TEST WATER FOR NORMALIZING CONTACTS WITH PRC EMBASSY IN NAIROBI, PRC EMBASSY WAS ADVISED BY PHONE MAY 18 THAT I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE COURTESY CALL ON PRC CHARGE' LI SHIH, WHO IS SLIGHTLY SENIOR TO ME AS CHARGE'. ON MAY 23 PRC EMBASSY INFORMED US BY PHONE THAT PRC CHARGE' FULLY OCCUPIED AND WOULD BE TOO BUSY TO RECEIVE ME " FOR SOME TIME."

2. WHILE WE DON'T KNOW WHETHER THIS NEGATIVE RESPONSE WAS BASED ON INSTRUCTIONS OR LACK THEREOF FROM PEKING, WE PLAN TO REFRAIN FOR TIME BEING FROM TAKING FURTHER INITIATIVES UNTIL MY CALL IS ARRANGED OR WE GET SOME OTHER POSITIVE SIGNAL FROM PRC EMBASSY IN NAIROBI. THIS POSTURE WOULD SEEM CONSISTENT WITH GENERAL GUIDANCE OF REFERENCE AIRGRAM TO CONTACTS GROW GRADUALLY AND NATURALLY."

3. IF PRC EMBASSY INDICATES NO INTEREST IN NORMALIZING BY END OF JUNE, I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT WE NOT REPEAT NOT INVITE PRC OFFICIALS TO JULY 4 RECEPTION AT THIS POST. PLEASE ADVISE.

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